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MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Presidential Citation Award.

TO : Major General Valdes, Chief of Staff, Philippine Army.

1. It is highly recommended that the Philippine Government, as a reward and recognition for the Guerrilla resistance on the part of recognized units, be given a Presidential Citation carrying with it the authority to wear a ribbon, which will distinguish Guerrilla forces from all others. A draft of the Presidential Citation is attached herewith. It is recommended that this citation cover all members who served at least six months as members of recognized Guerrilla units - that is units recognized and supported by General MacArthur - between the dates of 5 March 1943, the date of recognition of the first Guerrilla unit, to 20 October 1944, date of the invasion of Leyte. This will cover all of the deserving Guerrilla soldiers and officers in Central and Southern Philippines and a considerable number on Luzon.

2. It is also recommended, in order to make the ribbon distinctive, that the colors run lengthwise instead of crosswise on the bar; and that the colors be blue, white and red, which are the colors of both the Philippine and American flags. Suggested design is also attached.

3. This should be recommended as a Presidential Citation since the Philippine Liberation Ribbon will take care of the "campaign" aspect of the situation. What I think would be desirable, would be a special ribbon or recognition separate of the campaign ribbons, so that Guerrillas will have something unobtainable by other units, and a citation in the form of a ribbon which would not be available to anyone else. It would definitely be a citation proud to possess and wear and it is not too much to ask for the lads who have done such a good job.

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